

REMARKS

Status of Claims

Pending claims 1, 3, 4, 6-10, 17-19, 21, 31, 32, 34, and 37 stand as rejected by the examiner under 35 U.S.C. §102.

Pending claims 5, 12-16, 20, 22, 23, 35, and 36 stand as objected to by the examiner as being dependent on a rejected underlying claim, but would be acceptable if rewritten in independent format including limitations of the underlying base claims.

Claims 38, 41-49 stand as previously allowed by the examiner.

Amendments to Claims

As per the telephone interview with the examiner conducted on August 8, 2006, the agreed upon amendments to the claims of the application have been incorporated as follows:

The “hollow chamber” limitation of claim 5 has been incorporated into claim 1, and claim 5 has been canceled.

The “hollow chamber” limitation of claim 12 has been incorporated into claim 10, and claim 12 is cancelled.

The limitations of dependent claim 34 and claim 35 have been incorporated into claim 31. Claims 34 and 35 are cancelled.

It is the understanding of the applicant based upon the interview with the examiner that pending claims 1, 3, 4, 6-10, 13-23, 31, 32, 36, and 37 are now in condition for allowance.

Claims 38 and 41-49 were previously allowed by the examiner.

Conclusions

For the reasons set forth above, the applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of examiner’s rejection of claims 1, 3, 4, 6-10, 17-19, 21, 31, 32, and 37, and further respectfully requests examiner’s withdrawal of objections to claims 13-16, 20, 22, 23, and 36. Applicant requests a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims. Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (202) 663-6064 for any reason that would aid in advancing the instant application to issue.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Please charge our Deposit Account No. 08-0219 in the amount of \$395.00 covering the required fees. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 08-0219.

Respectfully submitted,

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